

## Message Text

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CVIS, CA

SUBJ: "GRATIS" NOTATION ON NO FEE NIVS

REF: DEPARTMENT A-7777 OF OCTOBER 11

1. THE CONSULATE GENERAL IS AT A LOSS TO UNDERSTAND THE ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED FROM ELIMINATING THE "GRATIS" NOTATION ON NO FEE VISAS SINCE IT INVOLVES NO ADDITIONAL EFFORT. TO THE CONTRARY IT HAS THE SALUTARY EFFECT FROM A PUBLIC RELATIONS ASPECT OF CALLING ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE SERVICE IS WITHOUT CHARGE.

2. SHOULD THE "GRATIS" BE ELIMINATED AS PROPOSED, WOULD A NOTATION BE MADE WHEN A FEE IS COLLECTED? IF SO, WOULD IT NOT BE MORE TIME CONSUMING THAN THE PRESENT PROCEDURE.

3. CONTRARY TO THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM, EXPERIENCE AT THIS POST INDICATES THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF FEES ARE COLLECTED EACH MONTH, FROM DOLS 300-1,000 PER MONTH DEPENDING UPON WORKLOAD. THE PRESENT PROCEDURE SERVES AS A DOUBLE CHECK THAT THE FEE HAS BEEN COLLECTED.

4. SINCE THE AIRGRAM ANTICIPATES THAT A NUMBER OF POSTS MAY WISH TO RETAIN THE CURRENT PRACTICE AND SINCE THIS POST HAS APPLICANTS FROM MOST COUNTRIES, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS POST CONTINUE TO USE THE "GRATIS" STAMP.

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